

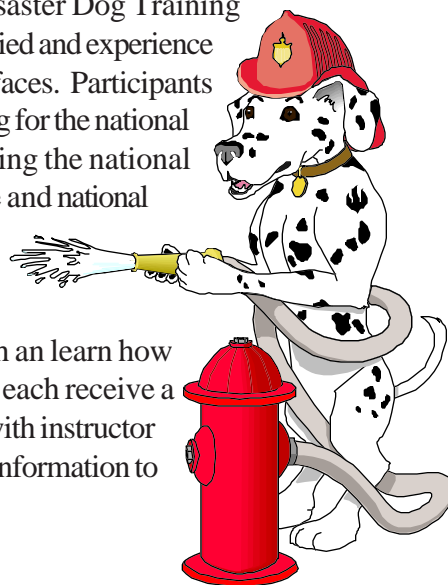


USAR Disaster Dog Training Seminar

On April 8 - 12, 1999 Mountain View Dog Training will be conducting a Disaster Dog Training Seminar in California. This seminar will provide opportunities to work with certified and experience USAR Dog Handlers on disaster simulating sites with a variety of different surfaces. Participants will get practical experience on problem solving, search techniques, and preparing for the national test. This is an excellent opportunity for teams that are training towards taking the national disaster dog test to work with handlers who have successfully passed all state and national certifications. The trainers who will be instructing the course have trained 4 teams to successful Type I Level Certification in the past 6 months.

This is also an excellent opportunity for Search Team Managers to work with an learn how best to utilize Disaster Dog Search teams on a real incident. Participants will each receive a comprehensive binder with a detailed course syllabus and a customized video with instructor input. Handlers or Search Team Managers will leave the seminar with valuable information to share with other handlers and task force members.

Please contact John Huff at (402) 441-8351 for more information.



Congratulations

Canines Kelly with handler Vickie Senters and Ditto with handler Elaine Sawtell passed the AKC Canine Good Citizen test Sunday, February 7, in Springfield Missouri. Both Kelly and Ditto are working toward becoming pet therapy dogs, with Canine Ditto already performing pet therapy in an Alzheimer's Unit. Canine Kelly, recently retired from NETF-1, just celebrated her 10th birthday!

FEMA for Kids Web Site

Holly Harrington, manager of the FEMA for Kids web site would like to introduce us to their new feature called Canine Heroes, which features "cyber playing cards" that highlight USAR dogs. Check out this web site at:

<http://www.fema.gov/kids>

and go to the Hot Feature of the month to see what they look like.

Holly is also soliciting new dogs for the cards. Any certified canine team can call her at (202) 646-2996. All she needs is five minutes and a photo!



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